

Remarks

Claims 14, 15, 22, 24, 25, 29, 31 and 33 have been amended and claims 1-12, 21, 23, 28, and 34-37 have been cancelled. The reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 13 and 16-20 are allowed.

Claims 14, 22 and 24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 14, 22 and 24 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 15, which previously dependent upon rejected claim 11, was indicated as being allowable in paragraph 5 of the Office Action summary and was not rejected on art. Accordingly, claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 11, and is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 25-27 and 29-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beliveau (U.S. Patent No. 5,893,248) in view of either Nogradi (U.S. Patent No. 4,961,298) or Wood (4,641,469) and Porter (U.S. Patent No. 5,205,7299). Claims 25-27 and 29-33 have been made dependent upon allowable claim 22, either directly or indirectly, and thus are believed to be allowable along with parent claim 22.

In summary, claims 13 and 16-20 are allowed and claims 14, 22 and 24 are in condition for allowance. Claims 25-27 and 29-33 are believed to be allowable along with parent claim 22. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that the prosecution of the application could be expedited, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned at the number listed below.

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